

Nyssa High School

As a school, regardless of our school calendar, we are considering a change to a 7 period day. I hope this information helps parents understand the reasons and how we would minimize any adverse impact.

What are the limitations and challenges of our current schedule?

Currently we are on an 8 period day with 46 minute classes. Students are able to take and earn 32 credits over 4 years even though only 24 are required for graduation. However as a collective staff we consider 46 minute periods to be too short for many classroom activities and 8 periods to be too many classes for our students to manage. In our current model 15% of our students are failing one or more classes with 60% of those students failing a single class. Currently only 29% of our seniors are taking a full schedule and only 6% of our seniors are taking a full schedule with no TA or Peer Tutor classes. Having one less class for all students and expanding the class time to 55 minutes will allow teachers to better cover the curriculum and state standards, increase the time for guided practice, diversify learning activities, and allow additional time for labs, projects, and CTE Coursework. Having one less class will also allow a more realistic workload for our students who also struggle with life balance.

What about students who are ready for 8 classes and want to maximize Dual Credit?

To allow students, who are ready and motivated, to maximize their Dual Credit and CTE classes we will offer classes during a Zero Hour (Early Bird Class) so that they are still able to take 8 classes. Students can also enroll in college courses or take online classes to supplement their 7 period day schedule. All students will still have at least 2 elective classes per semester. Freshman will have 2 electives, Sophomores 2 electives, Juniors 2 electives, and Seniors 4 electives.

How will this impact students who choose religious release options like seminary?

About 15% of our students currently choose religious release with Seminary being the most common. The current Seminary teacher is still able to offer Seminary two different periods to allow flexibility within the 7 period day. The Zero Hour time slot could also be used for a religious release option. Students who choose religious release during the regular school day and do not choose to have a zero hour class will still be able to earn the 24 credits required for graduation.

How will this impact students who are taking additional support classes?

Currently we have students who take additional classes as interventions to develop their essential skills in reading, writing, and math. These students will be carefully scheduled so that they still have a favorite elective class that helps them want to attend school and can provide an application for their learning.

Potential 7 Period Schedule - DRAFT

(Exact times may change based on the length of the school day)

Zero Hour	7:00-7:55	55 Minutes
Period 1	8:00-8:55	55 Minutes
Period 2	9:00-9:55	55 Minutes
Period 3	10:00-10:55	55 Minutes
Period 4	11:00-11:55	55 Minutes
Lunch	11:55-12:25	30 Minutes
Period 5	12:30-1:25	55 Minutes
Period 6	1:30-2:25	55 Minutes
Period 7	2:30 - 3:25	55 Minutes
OTI/IEP	3:25 - 3:45	20 Minutes

Current 8 Period Day Schedule

Period 1	8:00 - 8:46	46 Minutes
Period 2	8:50-9:36	46 Minutes
Period 3	9:40-10:26	46 Minutes
Period 4	10:30-11:16	46 Minutes
Period 5	11:20-12:06	46 Minutes
Lunch	12:06-12:36	30 Minutes
Period 6	12:40-1:26	46 Minutes
Period 7	1:30-2:16	46 Minutes
Period 8	2:20-3:06	46 Minutes
OTI/IEP	3:06 - 3:45	39 Minutes